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Patent Application of

Lance A. Ehrke, et al.

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Examiner: Albert Kang Wong

"ELECTRONIC ELECTRIC METER FOR NETWORKED METER READING"

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicants claim small entity status.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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(1)	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3)	(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	59	MINUS	59	0	X \$25	0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	6	MINUS	6	0	X \$100	0.00
			TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		0.00	

No additional fee is required.

Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time to extend the period for reply until October 14, 2006.

Charge or credit Deposit Account No. 13-3080 with any shortage or overpayment of the fees associated with this communication. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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